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MEMORANDUM

TO : ARA/ECA - Mr. Fred Rondon
FROM : L/HR - Charles Runyon

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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The accompanying copy of a letter from the Center for Law and Social Policy (Mr. Meeker) to the IAHRC (Mr. Moyer) shows:

1. The Commission acted slowly in writing the GOA about Olga Talamante's complaints;
2. As of January 25 the GOA was claiming 4 of 9 listed as detained had been released. Mrs. Talamante's telephone checks with families show only one (a different one - not any of the four) has been released.

Since this information bears directly on GOA credibility and GOA performance in an area affecting our judgments, I believe our Embassy should do its best to check it out.

cc: ARA - Mr. Lister
L/ARA - Ms. Armstrong
D/HA - Mr. Hill

*Embassy comments
on credibility lists
has been regarded
on several occasions.*

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Mr. Charles Moyer
Inter-American Commission on
Human Rights
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Dear Mr. Moyer:

Thank you for your letter of January 25, 1977, concerning the six Complaints filed with the Commission on October 20, 1976, alleging certain violations of human rights by the Government of Argentina. That letter stated that only on January 24, 1977, three months after filing of the Complaints, did the Commission address a note to the Government of Argentina requesting "appropriate information on the allegations."

Your letter of January 25, 1977, stated that the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the OAS has furnished to the Commission a list of persons recently released in Argentina and that the names of Osvaldo Gasparini, Eduardo Gonzalez, Eduardo Grutsky, and Juan Gonzalez were included in the list. The Complainant, Olga Talamante, has recently talked by telephone with members of the families of the nine individuals covered by the Complaints filed on October 20, 1976. The information that she has received through this channel of communication is that ~~only one of the nine, Mirta Varela, has been released from prison.~~ According to that information, none of the persons named in the list submitted by the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the OAS has been released.

Accordingly, the Complainant asks that the Commission communicate with the Government of Argentina at the earliest possible moment to inquire concerning the present status and whereabouts of the eight other individuals covered by the Complaints and apparently remaining imprisoned (Susana Pioli,

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Edith Stahelli de Frias, Osvaldo Gasparini, Ruben Piazza, Eduardo Gonzalez, Eduardo Grutsky, Juan Gonzalez, and Julio Varela), and to inquire when these persons, including those named in the list furnished by the Permanent Mission of Argentina, will in fact be released.

Yours sincerely,

Leonard C Meeker

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